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Election of officers, New Bern Lodge of Perfection No. 6

Monday Night, March 9, 1964

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Refreshments and Social Hour

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GREETINGS

To All Scottish Rite Masons

Wherever Dispersed Throughout the World

You are cordially invited to join with the Co-ordinate Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of New Bern, Orient of North Carolina, in their

SPRING REUNION
April 14, 15 and 16, 1964

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BUNTING-HARRIS-MENIUS CLASS OF THE SPRING REUNION 1954:

This is the tenth anniversary of the class of which you are a member, which was named in honor of Brother Carl Frank Bunting, 33° of New Bern, N. C., Brother Albert W. Harris, 33°, of Greenville, N. C., and Brother Espie F. Menius, 32°, K.C.C.H., of New Bern, N. C., all of whom have passed away.

The officers of your class were:

Harry L. Kinne, Jr., Jacksonville, Fla.—President

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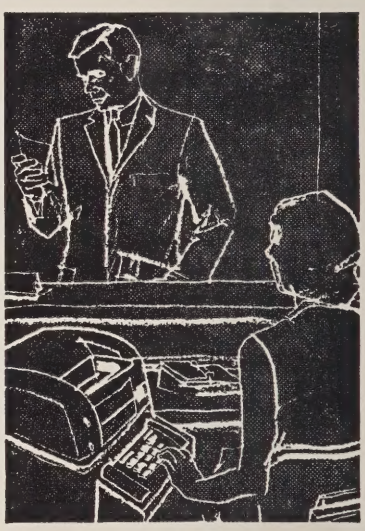
Irvin G. Weatherly, New Bern, N. C.—Secretary-Treasurer

John Gordon Gibbs, Raleigh, N. C.—Orator.

It is hoped that as many members as possible will be present and it is also hoped that each member will bring a candidate with him. A special table will be set up in the dining room and a program is being prepared to honor those members of the above class who can be present.



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SECRETARY'S PAGE

C. A. SEIFERT, 33°

We had a very successful Reunion last Fall and I attribute its success in a large measure to the special program of entertainment inaugurated for the candidates' ladies. This ladies' entertainment accounted for at least ten additional petitions and engendered a great deal of interest and enthusiasm on the part of the membership. Very little additional expense was incurred by this program and it really paid big dividends.

I would suggest that this feature added to our semi-annual Reunions be emphasized by our members in securing candidates for the Spring Reunion and I believe it will be a big help and a strong talking point.

I wish this ladies' entertainment could be extended to the wife, sister or mother of all our members but this is an impossibility so we must confine it to the candidates' ladies only.

This is something new, boys, but our first attempt was so successful that I want us all to **cash in on it** again.

I want your help in making the Spring Reunion of 1964 bigger and better than any we have ever had and I'll need your enthusiastic help to do this. Thank you.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Secretary

MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 26, 1964—8:00 P.M.

EASTER SUNDAY

March 29, 1964—7:30 A.M.

New Bern Chapter Knights Rose Croix No. 5, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Scottish Rite Temple, New Bern, N. C.

PROGRAM

March 26, 1964—8:00 P.M.

TENEBRAE

"It is the hour when the veil of the Temple was rent in twain; when darkness reigned and consternation oppressed all the earth when the Flaming Star was eclipsed and the shadow overcame the Light when the Columns, and Working Tools of the old Masonry were shattered, and when the Cubical Stone sweated water and blood the instant when the Word was lost."

Call of Chapter—To Labor

Edward C. Howard, 32°, K.C.C.H., Wise Master, Presiding

Prayer.....W. L. Adams, 32°, K.C.C.H.

Remarks

"Calvary"

Address....Charles T. Potter, 32°, K.C.C.H.

Call of Chapter—To Refreshment

Mystic Banquet

Ceremony of Extinguishing the Lights

EASTER SUNDAY

March 29, 1964—7:30 A.M.

BREAKFAST

Lux e Tenebris

"THE MOMENT when the sword was received; when The Cubical Stone was changed into the Mystic Rose; when The Blazing Star re-appeared in all its splendor, the Columns of the Temple were re-established and the Working Tools of Masonry were restored; when the True Light dispelled the Darkness, and the New Law began to rule upon the earth."

Call of Chapter—To Labor

Edward C. Howard, 32°, K.C.C.H., Wise Master, Presiding

Call of Chapter—To Refreshment

Mystic Banquet

Ceremony of Relighting the Lights

Benediction

Maundy Thursday and Easter Ritualistic Team

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Guardian of Temple

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"The meetings of Maundy-Thursday and Easter Sunday, are indispensable. Even if a Knight be alone in a place, he must, in spirit at least, meet on the former day with his brethren. If a brother be traveling and meets another on the road, they are obliged to go to some convenient place to perform this duty. If two Knights live within twenty miles of each other they must meet and celebrate the mystic supper."

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JONES COUNTY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Jones County Scottish Rite Club held its first meeting of the year on February 28th with Brother Roy F. Collins, 32°, presiding. The following officers were elected for the new year: President, B. E. Miller, 32°; Vice-President, David L. Nande, 32°; Secretary-Treasurer, Leslie L. Parker, 32°, K.C.C.H.

Ways and means to procure candidates for the Spring Reunion were discussed. It was found that there are a good unmber of potential candidates in this area, and the Jones County Scottish Rite Club expects to be well represented at the Spring Reunion.

A motion was made and seconded that the Scottish Rite Club present some useful item to Zion Lodge for use in the new Temple, which should be completed in the near future. Brothers Roy F. Collins, H. B. Johnson and L. L. Parker were appointed on this committee.

Plans are being made for a Scottish Rite party to be held before the Spring Reunion, the date to be announced later.

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From The Classroom

BY R. L. PUGH, 33°, CLASS LECTURER

FREEMASONRY IS A WAY OF LIFE

What should we tell our non-Masonic friends when they ask questions about Freemasonry?

When these questions arise, and they often do, our response will undoubtedly influence the mental attitude of our friends toward ourselves and the Craft in general.

We should not take a timid approach to our answers. We should not indicate a desire to "change the subject." We should not reflect a "mum's-the-word" attitude.

Instead, we should be prepared to speak with ease, pride and authority. What do we have to hide? Make it known that Freemasonry is a way of life.

Freemasonry is fraternal in organization, religious in character, based on the belief in the Fatherhood of God, Brotherhood of Man and the Immortality of the Soul.

Be prompt to make known that Freemasonry is not a "secret society" as many surmise. Freemasonry is a voluntary association wherein the interested one comes of his own free will and accord.

Indicate that Freemasonry is not a religion as many claim. Discussions on religion or politics have no place in our proceedings.

Proclaim that Freemasonry, in its every effort and purpose, strives to do charitable work within its membership and for society, and through its teachings, seeks to make good men better men.

You can proudly state that basic ethical principles, as exemplified in our Ritual and Lodge Work, are such as are most acceptable to all good men. They are lessons based on the Golden Rule, tolerance toward men, respect for one's family, charity towards all and being true to God for His gracious and numerous blessings.

Be proud to proclaim that Freemasonry is a band of men bound together in the bonds of Brotherly Love and Affection that extends throughout the World.

And to sum it all up, Freemasonry is kindness in the home, honesty in business, courtesy in society, fairness in work, pity and concern for the unfortunate, resistance toward the wicked, help for the weak, trust in the strong, forgiveness for the penitent, love for one another and, above all, reverence and love for God.

These and many other answers can be applied to questions your friends may ask about Freemasonry.

We have nothing to hide—save that which pertains to our esoteric Work.

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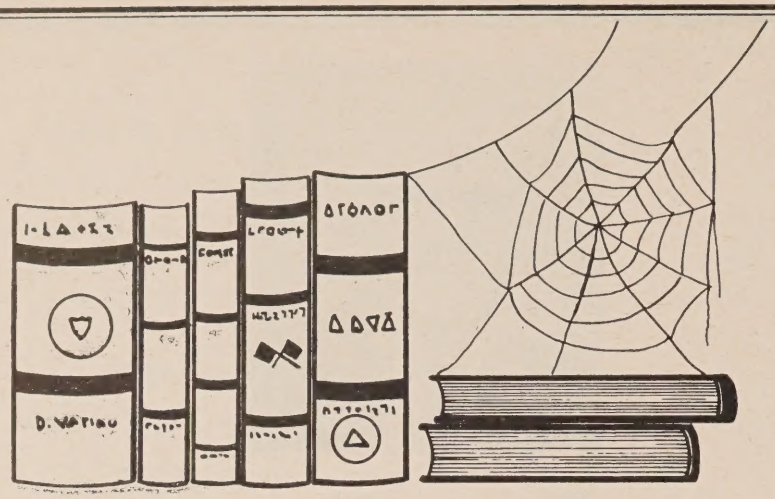

TEMPLE TOMES

Lawrence of Arabia wrote "SEVEN PILLARS OF WISDOM" using a title taken from the opening words of the nineth chapter of Proverbs which reads "Wisdom has built herself a house, and fixed underneath it seven pillars". (LXX)

This intriguing title is of interest to Master Builders everywhere. Let's continue: "(2) She hath slain her victims [FATTED CALVES.]. She hath mixed her wine [LIGHT, SWEET POMEGRANITE WINE—Song 8:2] for the cup and furnished her table. (3) She hath sent out her servants, and with a loud proclamation hath given an invitation to her entertainment, ["HO, EVERYONE THAT THIRSTETH . . . COME . . . AND EAT; YEA, COME, BUY WINE AND MILK WITHOUT MONEY AND WITHOUT PRICE." ISA. 55:1] saying: (4) "Whosoever is simple, let him come to me" ["A CERTAIN MAN MADE A GREAT SUPPER, AND BADE MANY . . . LK. 14:16] And to them who seek understanding she sayeth (5) "Come, eat of my bread and drink the wine which I have mixed for you." ["A CERTAIN KING . . . SENT FORTH HIS SERVANTS TO CALL THEM THAT WERE BIDDEN TO THE WEDDING . . ." MAT. 22:4] (6) "Forsake folly, that you may reign forever; and seek prudence [DISCERNMENT OF THE DISCERNING . . . 1 COR. 1:19 R.V.] and build up understanding with knowledge". [LXX PROV. 9:1-6].

In order to understand the "Seven Pillars of Wisdom" lets take it apart and examine it piece-by-piece. For instance; take the name "Wisdom". Here, it is given the feminine gender, much like we ascribe it to Liberty, Prudence, Virtue, etc. Let's let Wisdom talk: "(14) To me belong counsel and safety. Prudence is mine—mine is fortitude. (15) By me kings reign and princes decree justice. (16) By me potentates are exhaulted; and by me sovereigns rule the earth. (17) Them who love me, I love; "and they who seek me shall find me". [JER. 29:13] [HE IS A REWARDER OF THEM THAT DILIGENTLY SEEK HIM. HEB. 11:6] (18) With me are riches and glory [THE SILVER IS MINE, AND THE GOLD IS MINE, SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS. HAG. 2:8. FOR EVERY BEAST OF THE FOREST IS MINE, AND THE CATTLE ON A THOUSAND HILLS. PS. 50:10] even great possessions and righteousness. My fruit is better than gold and precious stones: and my productions are better than choice silver. (20) I walk in the ways of righteousness; and am conversant in the paths of judgment: [. . . THE JUDGMENTS OF THE LORD ARE TRUE AND RIGHTEOUS ALTOGETHER. MORE TO BE DESIRED ARE THEY THAN GOLD: PS. 19:10,11] (21) that I may distribute wealth to them who love me; and fill their treasuries with good things.

"Having told you things which happen daily, I will now remember to recken up things of old. (22) The Lord created me, the beginning of His ways, for his works. (23) Before his age He founded me; in the beginning, (24) before He made the earth and before He made the deeps; before the fountains of water issued forth—(25) before the mountains were established and before all the hills, He bringeth me forth."

(26) "The Lord made fields and uninhabited wilds; and the habitable heights of the earth. (27) When He furnished the heaven, I was with Him; and when He set apart His own throne on the winds: (28) and when He strengthened the clouds above: (29) and when He secured the fountains of the earth below—When He set to the sea its bound, and the waters passed not the word of His mouth. And when He made the fountains of the earth strong, (30) I was harmonizing with Him. I was the one in whom He delighted; and (31) I was daily gladdened by His presence on all occasions—(both) when He finished the world and

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was pleased therewith, and when He was pleased with the sons of men."

(32) Now, therefore, my son, harken unto me, (33) Hear Wisdom and be wise and part not from her (Wisdom again speaks):

(34) "Happy is the man who will harken to me: and the man who will keep my ways; watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. (35) For my ways are the ways of Life; and volition is obtained from the Lord. (36) But they who sin against me act wickedly against their own souls; and they who hate me love death." [SEPTUAGINT TRANS. PR. 8].

Now, lets see how Wisdom builds, an house: "(3) By wisdom a house is built; and by understanding it is established. (4) By knowledge chambers are filled with all precious and pleasant riches. [PR. XXIV, III-LXX].

"As a wise Master-Builder" writes the apostle Paul "according to the Grace of God which is given unto me, I have laid a foundation, ... let everyman take heed how he buildeth thereon. [1 COR. 3:10 KJV].

Pillars make an interesting study. For instance, there are the "Five Pillars of Islam, or the five compulsory practices. Pillars, figuratively—"Those who or that which strongly supports a work or a cause." There are the pillars which are architectual supports, and there are the two brazen pillars at the Eastern entrance to the Temple of Solomon. But possibly the most interesting are the pillars which are cornerstones; Remembering that the true cornerstone is the first, or basic stone set-in for a foundation, from which all other measurements are taken. Our modern-day cornerstone is a symbol of the bedrock cornerstone. The "Master-builder" Paul uses the descriptive term "the pillar and the bulwark of the truth" [I TIM. 3:15 NEB], meaning the foundation plus the strong walled defensive supports. Lets not forget that we use massive supporting pillars for foundations, calling them collectively "piling".

We build houses on concrete "piling" and on solid-rock foundations. (". . . a wise man who built his house upon a Rock". (Mat. 7:24 KJV) The world's lighthouse are Pillars of light built on pillars, or solid-rock foundations.

Stone and pillar are one in the Genesis account where "Jacob . . . took the stone that he had put for his pillow, and set it up for a pillar . . .". "And he called the name of that place Meth-EL" or house of God). We love to think of Jacob as sleeping on a warm flat-top rock on a cool night, and covered with lambskins.

Throughout the Old and the New Testament the Rock, (or pillar) speaks of the appearances of Jehovah, Messiah, the "Annointed One". For instance: (1) Jehovah-Jeireh (Adonai, Lord, Rock, or Pillar) will provide. [GEN. 22:13-14] (2) Jehovah-Rapha, The Lord that healeth—[EX. 15-26]. (3) Jehovah-Nisi—The Lord our Banner, [EX. 17:8,15.] (4) Jehovah-Shalom—Jehovah is Peace. [JUD. 6:24]. (5) Jehovah-Ràah—The Lord is My Shepherd. [PS. 23]. (6) Jehovah-Tsidkenu—The Lord our Righteousness. [JER. 23:6]. (7) Jehovah-Sharmah—The Lord is present. [EZEK. 48:35].

These are the seven pillars, or foundation stones by which Jehovah is revealed as meeting every need of man from his lost state to the end. These are the seven pillars of Light which symbolically shine as the pillar—candles in the seven golden candlesticks which we know as the "Menorah"—which was the only light in the Tabernacle-in-the-Wilderness, and in the Temple. [THEN SPAKE JESUS UNTO THEM, SAYING I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD: . . . JN. 8:12].

The Wisdom, which built herself a house, and fixed underneath it seven Pillars speaks again; "Happy is the man who will harken unto me: and the man who will keep my ways . . . for my ways are the ways of Life . . . "

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MARCH 13
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MARCH 16
Hertford Ladies' Night Party

MARCH 20
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Thank you for keeping me informed of all of the interesting and important activities there, Brother Charlie, and I look forward to seeing you when perhaps I am again ordered to duty at Fort Bragg.

Fraternally,
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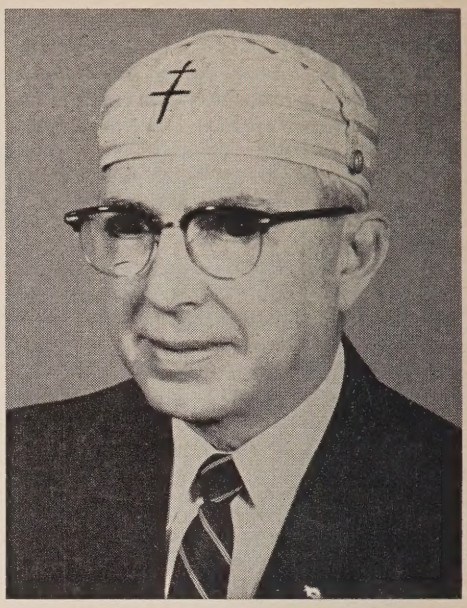

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TENTATIVE PROGRAM SCOTTISH RITE REUNION

APRIL 14, 15 and 16

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REUNION ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, April 14, 1964

10:00 A.M.— 4°—Secret Master. Charles T. Potter, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by J. E. Lewis, Nat M. Baxter, Stacey T. Lupton, H. L. Lundy.

10:45 A.M.— 5°—Perfect Master. Ben F. Gillikin, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by E. H. Bunting, J. G. McDaniel, Albert Gianotti, L. T. Barrington, D. Elmo Jones, J. E. Blaylock, Paul V. Vogan, Ira Stephens, W. R. Stanley, Hubert Williford, W. E. Gardner.

11:45 A.M.— 6°—Confidential Secretary. Charles R. Gray, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Chas. P. Gaskins, W. J. Rogers, Paul Jewett.

12:15 P.M.— 7°—Provost and Judge. W. I. Gause, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by L. Guy Matthis, Leslie L. Parker, Paul Vogan, R. L. Pugh, Nat Baxter.

1:00 P.M. —Luncheon.

2:15 P.M.— 8°—Intendant of Building. Earl Noe, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Neal Windley, Al Conway, S. C. Chadwick Jr., Leonard Daniels, Tommie Avery.

3:00 P.M.— 9°—Elu of Nine. W. C. Moore, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Paul Vogan, H. J. Carpenter, L. Guy Matthis, C. D. Lancaster, Tom Brown, B. F. Gillikin, H. J. MacDonald, H. W. Gillikin, L. T. Barrington, C. T. Potter, Neil Vester.

4:00 P.M.—10°—Elu of Fifteen. Jather McLawhorn, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by E. P. Blair, Neil Vester, Miller Basnight, J. L. Ashley, A. F. Wood, E. M. Moore, Lester Hart.

4:45 P.M.—11°—Elu of Twelve. Charles H. Whedbee, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by J. W. H. Roberts, Paul Jewett, Clyde Stubbs, Owen Lemmon, Neil Vester, Miller Bassnight.

12°—Communicated.

5:45 P.M.—13°—Royal Arch of Solomon. E. P. Blair, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Richard H. Lucas, Jack G. White, Raymond Leggett.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM SCOTTISH RITE REUNION (Cont.)

6:30 P.M. —Dinner.

7:30 P.M.—14°—Perfect Elu. Louis N. Howard, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by B. F. Gillikin, O. H. Lemmon, William L. Flowers, James E. Blaylock, M. L. Barfield, Andrew Murphy, Howard B. Constant, W. R. Stanley

Wednesday, April 15, 1964

9:15 A.M.—15°—Knight of the East. C. A. Seifert, 33°—G. C. Langston, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by A. T. Willis, Jr., Raymond Legett, Chas. T. Potter, R. L. Pugh, C. Wallace Jackson, N. M. Baxter

16°—Communicated.

11:15 A.M.—17°—Knight of the East and West. Nelson Banks, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Ashley G. Leggett, Ebbie Gaylord, A. B. Hardison, Harry L. Mann and Wm. W. Alligood.

12:00 M. —Luncheon.

1:15 P.M.—18°—Knight of Rose Croix. Edward C. Howard, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Owen H. Lemmon, R. L. Pugh, Albert Gianotti, Albert T. Willis, Jr.

19°—Communicated.

3:30 P.M.—20°—Master of Symbolic Lodge. Thomas G. Slate, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Warren H. Coolidge, D. L. McRainey, Quincy J. Scarborough, William C. Hammond, Jr., R. V. McBryde, William S. Oliver, Alex Arab, William L. Ramsey.

4:45 P.M.—21°—Noachite or Prussian Knight. John G. Ormsby, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Tom Brown, R. L. Pugh, C. A. Seifert, Paul V. Vogan, W. H. Scott, Cecil Harmon, W. L. Adams, Guy C. Langston, C. T. Potter, Oscar C. Brock.

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5:30 P.M.—26°—Prince of Mercey, Reynold S. Davenport, 32° K.C.C.H., Master of Degree, Assisted by Lovie J. Smith, J. C. Vail, G. E. Roberts, W. A. S. Aman, H. G. Alberti, G. C. Faville, Jr., W. F. Thomason, Louie J. Smith, and Joseph S. Lane.

6:30 P.M. —Dinner.

7:30 P.M.—27°—Knight Commander of the Temple. L. Guy Matthis, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master of Degree. Assisted by Neil Vester, J. D. Reese, A. N. Heath, W. H. Purser, E. P. Blair, Oscar Sermons, W. R. Newell, R. B. Gerock, A. T. Willis, Jr., Guy C. Langston, Raymond Leggett, Oscar C. Brock.

28°—Communicated.

8:45 P.M.—29°—Scottish Knight of St. Andrew. Francis W. Clark, 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Robert F. Spence, Clinton E. Bunch, Clifton E. White, Samuel A. McPherson, Jr., Francis Rowe, Walter T. Kirby, Wilborne M. Smith, John A. Sawyer, Ray Piasecki, Clyde Garrett, Irvin Weatherly, Tom Brown, W. T. Hawkins, L. T. Barrington.

Thursday, April 16, 1964

9:30 A.M.—30°—Knight Kadosh.

1st Apartment: Walter Kirby, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master; Assisted by Francis W. Clark.

2nd Apartment: S. A. Griffin, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master; Assisted by Herman Barnes, Marvin Evans.

3rd Apartment: T. Bruce Boyette, 32°, K.C.C.H., Master; Assisted by Paul Bailey, S. L. Jenkins, Jr., Wilson Scottish Rite Club.

4th Apartment: Alonzo Honeycutt, 32°, Master; Assisted by Carl Aycock.

12:00 M. —Luncheon

1:30 P.M.—31°—Inspector Inquisitor. E. W. Paul. Sr.. 33°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Francis W. Clark, C. Wallace Jackson, Lambert Morris, B. F. Gillikin, A. N. Heath, Charles R. Gray, O. H. Lemmon, Albert Gianotti, L. T. Barrington, Chas. T. Potter, V. J. Spivey and Warren H. Coolidge, Robert F. Spence.

3:30 P.M.—32°—Master of Royal Secret. H. Bruce Johnson, 32°, Master of Degree. Assisted by Leslie L. Parker, E. P. Blair, Walter Kirby, Robert F. Spence, Frank G. Almond, Wallace Jackson, Lee Dorsey, Kirby Hawkins, Jimmy Rochelle, Johnnie Braxton, Oscar C. Brock, Francis W. Clark, Harvey W. Smith, Chas. R. Gray, C. E. Bunch, W. M. Smith, A. C. Walters, H. F. Griffin, O. H. Lemmon, W. J. Bundy.

5:45 P.M. —Banquet closing Reunion honoring Bunting-Harris-Menius Class of the Spring Reunion 1964.

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C. A. Seifert, 33°, Secretary
New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies
New Bern, N. C.

To: The Brethern and Officers of the Bodies

Dear Brother Seifert & Brethern:

I received my '64 card, recently in the mail. This was met with pleasure and surprise.

I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to you, the Officers and the Brethern for their recent action in my behalf. Actions of this type help me to keep my spirits high; with the will, to live.

It has been some 15 months since I first contacted you in regards to my personal problems. In 1964, I saw some improvement in my general health, but I was unable to work any amount during the year. In otherwords, conditions remain about the same, brother Seifert, in my case.

My best to you and yours, and to the brethern for Health & Happiness, I am

Yours very truly,
James B. Gillikin

Mr. C. A. Seifert, Sec.
New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies
New Bern, N. C.

My Dear Mr. Seifert:

Please express to the New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies my deep and heartful appreciation for the memorial gift given in memory of my husband, Paul L. Hofler. I am grateful for the love and respect which you expressed for Paul and which prompted this memorial gift.

Thank you for the Lifetime Courtesy card from the local Consistory. You were thoughtful to extend to me this courtesy and I am grateful to you.

Most Sincerely,
Mary Nell Hofler

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Dear Brethren,

Uncle Charlie has celebrated another birthday! The wonderful part about it all—they don't seem to tell on him. The bagpipe wasn't informed of this special event before the last performance, or he would have dedicated his last concert to Uncle Charlie. So, with a belated birthday wish, this entire program is dedicated to our beloved Secretary. And—the bag says, "Top this first selection—IF you can."

You wake up in the morning, and lo! your purse is magically filled with twenty four hours—the most precious of possessions.

How essential it is—to be able to live inside a mind with attractive and interesting pictures on the wall.

Statistics show that women live longer than men. It's probably because they remain girls for so many years. (Maybe Uncle Charlie stayed a boy longer than most of us.)

She: Sometimes my dad takes things apart to see why they don't go.

He: Yeah?

She: Yeah, so you'd better go.

The Russian school teacher asked a pupil, "Who were the first human beings?"

"Adam and Eve," the young boy replied.

"What nationality were they?"

"Russian, of course."

"Fine, fine," the teacher commented. "And how did you know they were Russians?"

"Easy," said the boy. "They had no roof over their heads, no clothes to wear, only one apple for the two of them—and they called it paradise."

You needn't worry about avoiding temptation as you grow older—it starts avoiding you.

What you hear never sounds half as important as that you overhear.

It's a fast age. The impossibility of yesterday becomes a luxury today and a necessity tomorrow.

The years are beginning to add up if it takes you longer to rest than it did to get tired.

The list of prize winners at a recent picnic was announced and included: Mrs. Seifert won the ladies rolling pin throwing contest with a throw of 75 feet. Mr. Seifert won the 10 yard dash."

A lady was mailing a Bible. The postal clerk inquired, "Does the package contain anything breakable?"

"Only the Ten Commandments," replied the lady.

Mrs. Jones: (riffling through the newspaper) "It says here that a woman in Pittsburgh has just cremated her third husband."

Miss Willing: "Heighho! Isn't that just the way? Some of us can't get one husband and other women have husbands to burn."

If you sow a little kindness you will reap a crop of friends.

According to a scientist, the period at the end of this sentence weighs .000000035 of an ounce. The things we learn today!

There is nothing quite like a teen age boy. He is too tired to walk two blocks to school but will fight for the chance to run 100 yards on a football field.

Jonesy: "The horse you sold me last week is a fine animal, but I can't get him to hold his head up."

Smithey: "Oh, it's because of his pride. He'll hold it up as soon as he's paid for."

The men who have gone before us have taught us how to live and die. We are the heirs of the ages.

Now, Brethren, again I ask, "Are you getting ready for, the Reunion? Let's give Uncle Charlie the best, belated birthday gift he's ever had. "What's that?" you say. Then I say, "The biggest class ever!"

Your piper,
Paul Stevens

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SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

THE ALBERT PIKE SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The "Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club" of Plymouth, N. C. held its regular meeting on Thursday night, Feb. 13, 1964 at "Hub's Reck" Belhaven, N. C. A delicious seafood dinner was enjoyed by the entire group. It was indeed a pleasure to have our wives with us to enjoy this bountiful meal. Also it was a great pleasure as always to have with us Brother Charlie Seifert, our beloved secretary, and his grandson, Brother George A. Smith.

Brother Seifert, made a few remarks, stressing especially the ladies and the program worked out by the "Scottish Rite Bodies" for the entertainment of the candidates wives, which was very successful at the fall reunion. He urged each member to talk with each prospect and their wife together, realizing that if the wife is sold, half the battle is won.

The following members were present: Mr. George Raymond Leggett, Sr. and wife, William A. Roebuck, Wilmer C. Chesson and wife, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Lucas, James Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Ingoll, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bickerstaff, Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Dunbar, Mr. and Mrs. Dan K. Pittman, Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Waters, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Leary, Mr. and Mrs. Putt Landing, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sawyer.

Since there was no further business to come before the club, the following remarks given for the consideration of the Brethren, was to inspire each member to exert every effort possible to make our spring reunion as successful as possible.

If Masonry will but be true to her mission, and Masons to their promises and obligations—if re-entering vigorously upon a career of beneficence, she and they will but pursue it earnestly and unfalteringly remembering that our contributions to the cause of charity and education then deserve the greatest credit when it costs us something, the curtailing of a comfort or the relinquishment of a luxury, to make them—if we will but give aid to what were once Masonry's great schemes for human improvement, not fitfully and spasmodically, but regularly and incessantly, as the vapors rise and the springs run, and as the sun rises and the stars come up into the heavens, then we may be sure that great results will be attained and a great work done. And then it will most surely be seen that Masonry is not effete or impotent, nor degenerated nor drooping to a fatal decay.

Our next meeting will be Thursday night, March 12, 1964. At the "Masonic Temple" Plymouth, N. C. which will be "Ladies night" Brother Charlie Potter, of New Bern, will be the speaker.

Take due notice thereof and govern yourself accordingly.

Wilmer C. Chesson, Sec.-Treas.

EAST CARTERET SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

Regular monthly meeting of the East Carteret Scottish Rite Club, was called by the President Thomas J. Sparks, minutes for the last meeting were read by Harry V. Willis, Sec.-Treas., and approved.

A bill for $4.50 was presented by Harry V. Willis, Sec.-Treas. for stamps and envelopes to mail membership cards to all members, and was authorized paid.

A motion was made and voted on that we have a Stag-Dutch-Supper, at the Rex Restaurant the 6th of March at 7:30 p.m. for fellowship and recruiting new members.

There being no other business a motion was made and second—to ajoin.

Members present: R. W. Safrit, Jr., R. N. Campen, K. N. Windley, T. C. Avery, C. Lewis, A. C. Conway, W. J. Thompson, O. B. Willis, T. Tuten, R. C. Beachem, E. W. Downum, and Frank McIntosh.

Harry V. Willis, Sec.-Treas.

HAVELOCK-CHERRY POINT SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Havelock-Cherry Point Scottish Rite Club has no party or any other gala activity to report, but I do hope you will mention the following brothers, Glen Boyer, Herman Collins, Jesse Gurganis, Gene Lewis, James Mitchell and Frank Wilson for their good work in refinish-

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ing the interior and furniture of our Lodge 688.

While this group worked together there were many items of discussion, but the one of greatest interest seemed to be the Easter Sunrise Service, and the breakfast that has followed in the past.

Without being told, all good Scottish Riters know that we are now in the Lent season and have been since Feb. 12. These forty days preceeding Easter can be used as a period of preparation, and should by all that recognize the resurrection.

We brethern of the Havelock-Cherry Point Scottish Rite Club are looking forward with anticipation to this great day of commemoration and the reunion and fellowship that is shared by all.

W. W. Midgette, 32°

FROM UP THE NEUSE

By J. D. Charlton, 32°

Over the years I have enjoyed the articles written by several of the Brethren from other areas of our Valley, so I thought it high time that the Lenoir County area be heard from in a more regular manner. I therefore submit this first article "From Up the Neuse" to our editoral board and if they so approve I will endeavor to continue them for each issue.

The Lenoir County Club held its January meeting on the 29th at King's Resturant and "Rib Eyes" were enjoyed by all—in fact they were so good that every member present, 38 of them, all paid their 1964 dues with no squeals of pain. Well Brothers, we have five more meetings this year, two of which your ladies fair are invited—hmmm! seven meals, thats a pretty good bargain for a $3.00 dues card! But more than that Brethren—interest developed in your local club will strengthen your interest in the Consistory, this will in turn cause you to be more aware of the great lessons that Scottish Rite Masonry holds for all Master Masons and will make it easier for you to convince one who has not taken the higher degrees of their worth.

Officers for 1964 were elected and are as follows: C. J. Herring, Jr., President; Lee F. Dorsey, Vice President; Billy C. White, Secretary; F. J. West, Treasurer; and O. C. Brock, Director for a 3 year term. With this leadership 1964 promises to be a big one. The next meeting will be held on February 19, 1964, you will be notified of the place.

We had a Brother from the Pittsburgh Consistory join our club for 1964 and we hope after a year of fellowship with us to persuade him to demit to our New Bern Consistory. Brethren how many Scottish Rite members from other consistories do you have residing in your town that you have not offered the fellowship of the local Scottish Rite Club to? Brother John T. MacDowell, the Lenoir County Club welcomes you!

Well, for the next issue I hope to scout around and see what some of the other clubs "From Up The Neuse" are doing—I hear our Brothers from over Grifton way are active!

MARTIN COUNTY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Martin County Scottish Rite Club held its regular meeting at the Town and Country Restaurant in Williamston on Wednesday night, February 19, 1964. There were eighteen members present. The meeting was called to order by Brother J. Woolard Peel. Correspondence was read and action taken as follows.

Due to weather conditions and several conflicts on the night of our January meeting, only four or five of the members were present. Therefore, no business was transacted. The next meeting will be held on March 18, at the same place as the February meeting. The members and

For the Wives of the Candidates Only

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies—Spring Reunion 1964

April 14. 15, 16, 1964

Tuesday, April 14th

8:00 A.M. Tour of Cherry Point—World's Largest Marine Air Station

12:30 P.M. Lunch—Scottish Rite Temple

3:00 P.M. Theater Party, Masonic Theater

6:00 P.M. Dinner at Scottish Rite Temple

Wednesday, April 15th

9:30 A.M. Tour of Tryon's Palace and its Formal 18th Century Gardens

12:30 P.M. Lunch—Scottish Rite Temple

2:00 P.M. Tour of New Bern's Famous 67 Points of Historic Interest

6:00 P.M. Dinner at Temple

Thursday, April 16th

8:00 A.M. Tour of Camp Lejeune

1:00 P.M. Lunch—Horne's Motel, Jacksonville, N. C.

3:00 P.M. Theatre Party, Masonic Theatre

6:00 P.M. Dinner at Temple

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Temporary arrangements for our spring party have been made, this party to be held on the night of March 31st.

We are attempting to round up some candidates for the Spring Reunion and sincerely hope we are successful.

W. E. Drake, Sec.-Treas.
Martin County Scottish
Rite Club.

NEW BERN SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The New Bern Scottish Rite Club met at seven o'clock on Monday night, February 10, 1964, at the Scottish Rite Temple, with the President, L. T. Barrington, presiding.

After prayer by Brother Charles T. Potter, the secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. There being no corrections, the minutes were approved as read.

Brother Paul Vogan presented the proposed by-laws for the club and after discussion a motion was made by Brother Vogan to approve the by-laws, with the proposed hour of the meeting being changed from eight o'clock to seven o'clock. The motion was seconded by Brother Potter and all present voted "Aye,"

Eight new members were received into membership of the Club and were voted on with unanimous approval. The eight new members are as follows: Eddie Paul, Macon Miller, Elmer Williams, C. W. Heath, T. C. Fitzgerald, A. A. Kafer, Wallace Jones, and Harry Lipman.

Secretary Seifert led a discussion on the possibility of soliciting candidates for the next Reunion and placed special emphasis upon a plan that was used so successfully for the Fall Reunion of 1963. The plan used at that time provided an extensive entertainment program for the wives of the candidates. All members agreed that the plan had been exceedingly successful and asked that it be continued during the coming Reunion, with full publicity to be given to the plan throughout the Jurisdiction.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
S. F. Noble, Jr., Secretary

OCRACOKE ISLAND SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The Ocracoke Island Scottish Rite Club, held its regular meeting at The Island Inn, on Monday evening February 3, 1964. The meeting was called to order by the

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president, John I. Gallop. Minutes of the last meeting and the Treasurers report were read and approved. Eleven members were present; one of these eleven was a new member.

A discussion on prospective candidates for the spring reunion was had. It was agreed upon that a party sometime prior to the reunion, with the ladies invited of course, would be the best method to create more interest in Scottish Rite Masonry. Saturday, evening April 4, 1964, was set as a tentative date for the party.

Members were reminded that Monday evening March 2, 1964 is the next meeting night and that 100% attendance would be greatly appreciated.

There being no further business to discuss at this time the meeting was adjourned and refreshments were enjoyed.

Elisha K. Esham, 32°, Sec.-Treas.

PERQUIMANS COUNTY SCOTTISH RITE CLUB, HERTFORD, N. C. NEWS ITEM

The Perquimans County Scottish Rite Club held a recent meeting, and at which time they elected and installed the same set of officers for 1964—which are as follows: Charles E. Campen, President; J. Horace Webb, Vice President; and G. C. Buck, Secretary-Treasurer. Reports were received concerning a sick member, brother Preston Blanchard, who is confined in the Albemarle Hospital at Elizabeth City; we are all very much concerned about the health and welfare of brother Blanchard and pray for his recovery.

We then had a round-up and roll call of all eligible and possible candidates for the spring reunion and hope to land some of them.

Some possible activities and projects for the club to sponsor were discussed somewhat, and then tabled until a future date in order to give more time for investigation.

Summer cook-outs were suggested and discussed, and then tabled for more definite action at our next meeting.

The members were all united in their efforts to find out something definite about our approaching Ladies' Night Party, and that is where Brother Charlie at New Bern can and will give us the "Green Light", and until then we shall await his will and pleasure.

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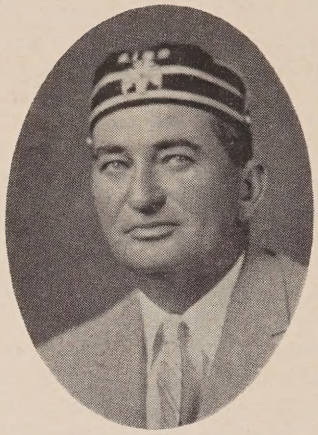

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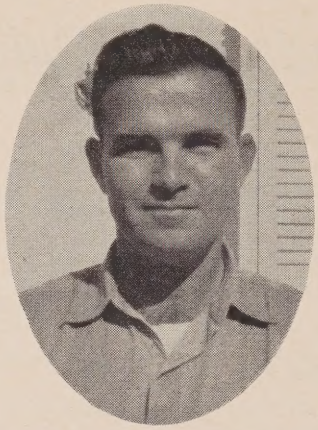

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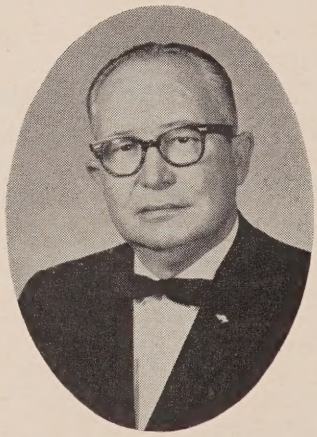

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The true symbol of this age is a question mark! We live in an age when the problems multiply faster than we solve them. There is a widespread interest in life; but, it is a wary, critical kind of interest which is analytical and impersonal. Proof is demanded at every stage. The attitude of many is a kind of defensive one. It is a "you can't catch me!" kind of attitude. We find people hiding behind the doubts and subscribing to movements of force which are contrary to the real teachings of abundant life.

Speak to some men about truth and the question comes ringing back to you, "What is truth?" This is not the question of a serious seeker after truth. It is a flippant, irresponsible, scoff and jeer at the idea of trust being of any practical value. It represents a standpoint typical of the age that produced it. Its significance lies in the fact that it's not merely a personal attitude; but, expresses the spirit of an age. We have all met people who have been made cynical by their experiences and bittered by life's disilusionments—people who have become rebellious in spirit, and have mocked and rediculed the ideals which they once cherished, because those ideals seemed to have failed them. But, we have a different problem on our hands. This scoffing and jeering at truth has a deeper root altogether. It rises from a morally diseased and degraded mentality and a corrupt age. When we think of it, we are reminded of the occasional bubble of poisonous gas riding to the surface of some putrid pond, revealing the rotteness beneath its putrid waters!

Its source is not reaction to some hard and difficult experience in life; but, a corrupt condition of soul and spirit pervading the world. We have been greatly shocked by the attacks on idealism which seeks to undermine its worth, values, and authority. The things upon which Western Civilization has been built are challenged by a profane spirit that most of us believed was dead and by a degraded interpretation of human life which we thought human progress had completely annihilated.

Moral rectitude and honor, spiritual graces and virtues, which for generations we have cultivated, are cast aside as worthless—the badge and sign of degeneracy. We are challenged to justify and

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maintain fundementals of civilization, freedom, justice, equality, and truth. The challenge is not reactionary. It is mortal. We are at grips with the past, armed with its pernitious, perilous, and daggerously distructive weapons. For a lot of people, truth is something about which the philosophers argue, but useless today! Mens minds are often set, not on truth, but political necessity. Political necessity alone is the supreme consideration for too many people. Everything must be subordinated to it. It controls the definition of justice and determines propoganda. Truth to these people has no intrinsic value. If a lie serves their purpose better, they repudiate the claims of truth and justify their repudiation by politician necessity.

We have watched the dethronement of reason and the enthronement of experiency in our midst. Men are now saying that they will wait no longer for groups and councils to work together. This policy is in line because men are attempting to hide behind their doubts. They now assert that the marks of a strong, virile, cause is force. The world is back again in the position where men believe falsehood offers better returns than truth! that expediency is preferable to principle; and that force is mightier than love, concialition, and reason. We are at the cross-roads of decision and destiny. Which way the pendulum will swing is not known at present.

I think we can get best to the answer to our great problems when we answer the question honestly, "What is the nature of life's order?" Everything depends on that answer. If there is no moral order, no spiritual world wherein there is power . . . if there is no answer to be found in the way of sanely approaching our differences . . . then we might believe that falsehood is better than truth—experience as powerful as principle; that the law of the jungle is better than the law of the land. If our life is bound up in a divine order—then truth, justice, love, understanding, and patience are all-powerful. They cannot be successfully challenged; they cannot be overthrown. This is a fact of history and experience. These deep-seated and moral convictions and principles are dynamic. They are not passive or vindictive. That word needs to be heard in our crises which face us today.

I am convinced that many people today are trying to hide behind their doubts. They are evading the real issues by their mental perplexities and moral reservations being used as excuses. It is so much easier to discuss morals than to live them! The "Kingdom" does not come by throwing stones, boycotts, marches, or any form of force. It comes only by individuals walking in the True Light. I do not promise easy solutions to our problems, nor that all doubts will be laid to rest, or that we shall understand all we would like to know. But, we can find the joy and peace of God which the world cannot take away. We will find the truth that will set all men free. Beside this there is no freedom . . . despite laws and governmental edicts. Walk in the light you have and more light will certainly come.

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WHAT IS SCOTTISH RITE MASONRY?

By E. P. Blair, 33°, Vanceboro, N. C.

Sometimes it is difficult to define something in terms of itself. However, there are a few observations I have made concerning Scottish Rite Masonry down through the years that seem to set it apart from all other Movements.

Outside of the Home, a Mother's love, and our Church there is nothing more beautiful than the spirit of our Movement. Surely, there is no Movement in which so much good can be accomplished by an individual. Gentle, gracious, and wise its greatest mission is to form mankind into a great Brotherhood—a league of Noble and Free Men joined together in the cause of working out the Salvation of the Human race. With touching scenes, pictures, and words it appeals to the basic intellect of man to be tolerant and forgiving; surely, this is the road to Peace and Neighborliness. Scottish Masonry also appeals to the intellect by reaching out for our faith to enlist it in a yearning for Liberty and Freedom. Scottish Masonry helps us to think, to see the more hopeful side of Life. Its appeal is more eloquent than all others to the Heart and Soul of a Man, out of which come the issues of Life.

Scottish Masonry is Friendship on the top bracket. The happiest moments of my Life have been spent in the Fellowship of our Brethren with the exception of my own family and those with whom I work in my chosen vocation of Public Education. Our Movement teaches us to be friends with all men, no matter how they may differ from the rest of us in nationality or creed. My friends, there is nothing that can bring us closer to the Creator Himself than to be with his Disciples here on earth. One can find in Scottish Masonry an abundance of these Stalwart men. Is there anything better than this, that the best of men can hope to do? Is it not worth the time, the care, and labor that we use to make this ideal one of our main objectives in Life?

Ed Blair 33°, Vanceboro, N. C.

Scottish Masonry is not a mere sentiment of one's sympathy; its roots are grounded in a Philosophy that exalts the very highest in Liberty, Tolerance, Patriotism, Loyalty, and Religion. It surely stems from the oldest and most widely spread Movement known to man, other than the beliefs of the Master Himself.

Scottish Masonry gives the inquiring seeker after Lights, the Lights for which he has been seeking. We meet at its altar as man to man on the same degree of equality without fear, without pretense, and without reproach. It is not a playground but rather it is a Thinking-ground where you come to grips with yourself; where you ask yourself some soul-searching questions such as, "Why am I here," "Where am I going," and "How shall I conduct myself while here,"—we need to think on these things, My Brethren.

Its simple faith is dedicated to the highest of moral ideals. We need to subdue the evil that would rise within us and to let the purposes for which we were created shine before men. Surely, there must be a purpose for our existence. We were not supposed to simply exist as a burden on society and then pass on into oblivion. It has been said that, "A Gentleman is a Man who puts more into Life than he takes out of it." Thus, we can all be Gentlemen.

I cannot adequately define Scottish Masonry even after 25 years of active service in it, but I can say this; it is livable, it is Lovable, and it is constantly looking towards the Divine Creator towards which all of us are steadily moving. "I can recommend it to all without hesitation, mental reservation, or secret evasion of mind." I know, too, that when Scottish Masonry shall have sway over the actions of men, our Society will be a Vast Communion of Friendly Fellowship; Business will be like a system of Service; the Home will be more holy than ever before; Injustice, Intolerance, Bigotry, and Vice will no longer defile and defame humanity; every-Tyranny will fall; every Bastille will crumble into dust; and Man will be unfettered in mind and soul to walk in the Light which forever will illuminate our pathway.

This, My Brethren, is Scottish Masonry and this is why I endorse it to you. You cannot find the Climax in the first three Degrees. It is inconceivable that all of Masonry could be pressed into Three Separate Lessons, as beautiful as they are. Yes, *there must be more*, and I find it a privilege and a pleasure to point the way to Scottish Masonry.

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My most recent practice of the art was in last month's column when, assuming that my tax listing experience this year would parallel those of past years, I sort of poked fun at the whole tax listing procedure. A few days after mailing that article I went down to list taxes and was made to feel akin to a big fat monkey. I didn't have to stand in line—there wasn't any line. Instead of the dawdler I've been listing with there was a pleasant young lady who offered me a seat, asked my name, found my page, and listed my taxes before I could cross my legs. I wasn't away from my car more than fifteen minutes, and it was one of the most pleasant surprises I've had lately.

Expert as I am in foot-stuffing, my genius is limted to that particular line of endeavor. Let me tell you about a general, all-around genius.

We subscribe to the usual amount of daily, weekly and monthly publications, and I have become more and more impressed with the pure genius exhibited in certain of the editorials in some of those publications. There is one editor in particular who must be the most intelligent, the best informed, and the all-around wisest man that civilization has yet produced.

Our top scientists can research for years before agreeing on a particular theory, but this editor can look it over the day it is announced and pick it completely to pieces in the next morning's paper. Better yet, he can also expound upon two or three opposing theories of his own, any one of which is superior to the one he has so completely demolished.

REYNOLD DAVENPORT, 32°, K.C.C.H.

Let the generals and the admirals finally agree upon our best weapons of defense and this editor won't even work up a sweat proving that he could do a more reliable job with a bow and arrow.

He can out-diagnose the doctors, perfectly rewrite foreign policy, come up with the only practical settlements in labor disputes, predict the order of finish in the National League, and tell you how far apart to plant your corn. Truly, this man is a genius in every area of human endeavor, and if he just had enough circulation we could safely close down all of our colleges and universities.

After drinking at the editorial fountain of wisdom I occasionally have time left to read the news, much of which nowadays deals with what it is you are doing that is going to kill you. If you eat eggs you'll have a heart attack, smoking will produce cancer, pork eating invites apoplexy, etc. We already knew that a well-aimed bullet would create a fatal hole in the head and that an overdose of certain drugs would induce a permanent cessation of activity, but we are now presented with an array of infinitely more sophisticated means of self-destruction.

It is probable that further advances of science will enable us to so regulate our intake of eggs and tobacco smoke and other villainous substances that each malady will attain its lethal peak at the exact same instant, and a person could thus die of such a multiplicity of causes that the death certificate would have to be printed in book form.

As still more destructive items of food, drink and inhalation are identified we must become ever more abstentious if we are to survive. Eventually there may be nothing to eat or drink or breath that science will award health clearance, and the only hope then will be to shut your mouth and hold your nose. Once you assume that preventive posture you will regress to pure simplicity—if suffocation doesn't kill you starvation will.

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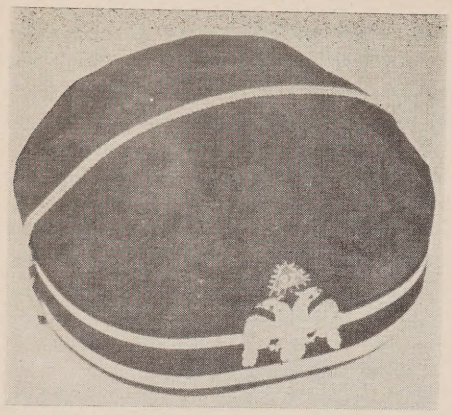

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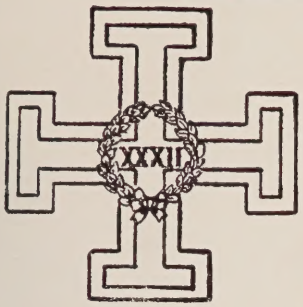

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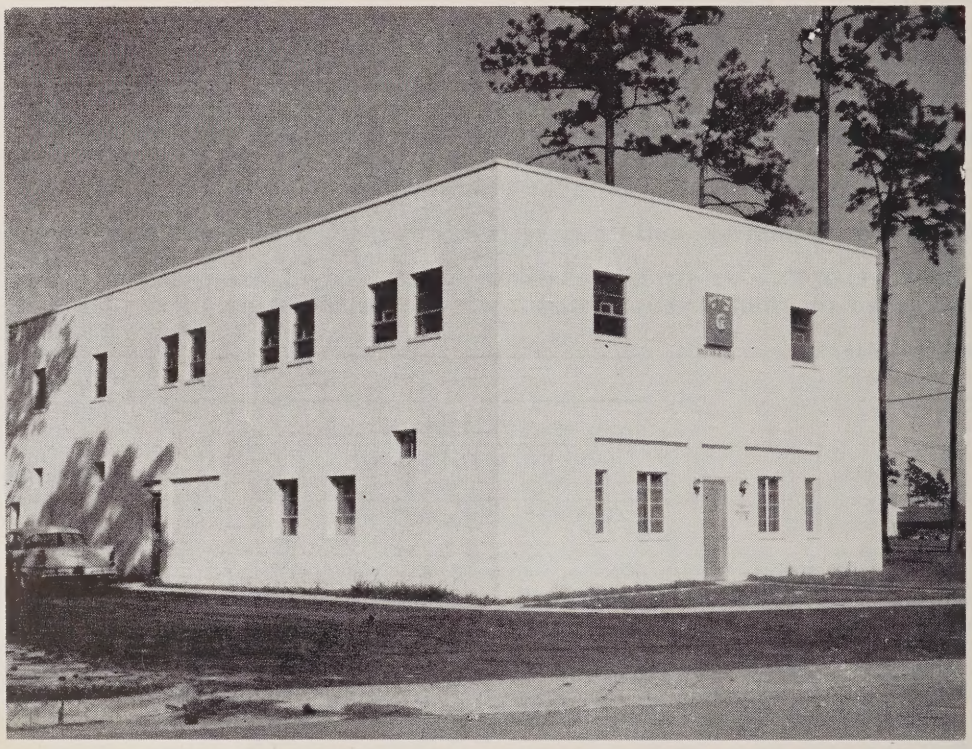

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